

BEST AVAILABLE COPYU.S.S.N. 10/~~051~~, 073**Specification Amendments**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 3, page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

"The conventional Y-strainer 20 having the conventional filter 22 suffers from several disadvantages. The filter 22 is typically fixedly mounted inside the strainer housing 30, and this renders difficult the cleaning process for complete removal of the particles 31 from the filter 22. Consequently, particles 31 remaining in the filter 22 tend to reduce the particle-removing efficiency of the filter 22. This contributes to an increase in the number of contaminating particles 31 in the water re-distributed back to the spray nozzles 10 in the wet scrubber 2, as well as reduces the efficiency of the heat exchanger 50 in the water cooling system 34. Furthermore, the wet scrubber 2, water cooling system 34 or other system of which the Y-strainer 20 is a part must be shut down for cleaning of the filter 22. Because the filter 22 must typically be cleaned often, the shutdown rate for the wet scrubber 2 or the water cooling system 34 is high, and this interrupts semiconductor production and significantly increases production costs."